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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the above application prior to
consideration of the application on its merits, consistent with the instructions
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AMENDED VERSION

GOLF TRAINING AID

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims the benefit of priority of GB 0109225.3, filed 12 April 2001, which claims the benefit of priority of GB 0024516.7, filed 6 October 2000, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 1, in which the shoulder position indicator means comprises an indicator arm.

5. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 3, in which the indicator arm comprises a resilient member.

6. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 3, in which the indicator arm is arranged to be substantially perpendicular to the shoulder of the golfer.

7. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 1 in which the shoulder position indicator means is adjustably secured to the support member.

9. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 1, comprising position retaining means to retain the position of the shoulder position indicator means relative to the support member.

11. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 1, in which the shoulder position indicator means is connected to the support member through a ball and socket joint.

12. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 1, in which the shoulder position indicator means comprises an indicator member.

13. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 1, in which the shoulder position indicator comprises a first indicator member and a second indicator member.

15. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 1, in which the second indicator member is located adjacent to the shoulder of the golfer.

16. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 1, in which the support member comprises a pad.

18. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 16, in which the support member comprises a shoulder pad.

19. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 1, in which the support member locates over the forward shoulder of the golfer relative to the swing.

20. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 1, in which the attachment means comprises a harness mechanism.

23. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 21, in which the method comprises moving the shoulder position indicator means to be substantially perpendicular to the shoulder of the golfer in at least a horizontal plane.

24. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 21, in which the method comprises securing the shoulder position indicator means to a golfer through a harness mechanism.

Cancel claims 25 and 26.

ABSTRACT

The golf training aid 10 includes a shoulder position indicator having an indicator arm 12 in the form of an elongate projecting arm. The indicator arm is secured on and projects outwardly and forwardly from a support member in the form of a shoulder pad. The shoulder position indicator includes indicator members in the form of brightly colored spheres 20,21 which increase the visual awareness with regard to the position of the indicator arm during the execution of the golf swing and especially during the takeaway in the back swing. Accordingly, the golf training aid enables either the golfer or a golf teacher to obtain feedback in relation to the position of the shoulders during the golf swing.

REMARKS

The above amendment adds no new matter and is merely made to more accurately describe and claim the invention, to claim benefit of priority, and to eliminate multiple claim dependencies.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 11-1449.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, please insert the following paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a National Phase Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371, claiming the benefit of priority of PCT/GB99/03265, filed October 1, 1999, which claims the benefit of priority of Great Britain Application No. 9822384.5, filed October 14, 1998, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

3. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 1[or claim 2], in which the shoulder position indicator means comprises an indicator arm.

5. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 3[or claim 4], in which the indicator arm comprises a resilient member.

6. (Amended) A golf training aid according to[any one of claims] claim 3 [to 5], in which the indicator arm is arranged to be substantially perpendicular to the shoulder of the golfer.

7. (Amended) A golf training aid according to [any preceding]claim1, in which the shoulder position indicator means is adjustably secured to the support member.

9. (Amended) A golf training aid according to [any preceding claims]claim 1, comprising position retaining means to retain the position of the shoulder position indicator means relative to the support member.

11. (Amended) A golf training aid according to [any preceding]claim1, in which the shoulder position indicator means is connected to the support member through a ball and socket joint.

12. (Amended) A golf training aid according to [any preceding]claim1, in which the shoulder position indicator means comprises an indicator member.

13. (Amended) A golf training aid according to [any preceding]claim1, in which the shoulder position indicator comprises a first indicator member and a second indicator member.

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15. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 13[or claim 14], in which the second indicator member is located adjacent to the shoulder of the golfer.

16. (Amended) A golf training aid according to [any preceding]claim_1, in which the support member comprises a pad.

18. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 16[or claim 17], in which the support member comprises a shoulder pad.

19. (Amended) A golf training aid according to [any preceding]claim_1, in which the support member locates over the forward shoulder of the golfer relative to the swing.

20. (Amended) A golf training aid according to [any preceding]claim_1, in which the attachment means comprises a harness mechanism.

23. (Amended) A golf training aid according to claim 21[or claim 22], in which the method comprises moving the shoulder position indicator means to be substantially perpendicular to the shoulder of the golfer in at least a horizontal plane.

24. (Amended) A golf training aid according to [claims]claim 21[to 23], in which the method comprises securing the shoulder position indicator means to a golfer through a harness mechanism.

Cancel claims 25 and 26.

ABSTRACT

The golf training aid 10 [comprises]includes a shoulder position indicator [means comprising]having an indicator arm 12 in the form of an elongate projecting arm. The indicator arm is secured on and projects outwardly and forwardly from a support member in the form of a shoulder pad. The shoulder position indicator [means comprises]includes indicator members in the form of brightly [coloured]colored spheres 20,21 which increase the visual awareness with regard to the position of the indicator arm during the execution of the golf swing and especially during the takeaway in the back swing. Accordingly, the golf training aid enables either the golfer or a golf teacher to obtain feedback in relation to the position of the shoulders during the golf swing.

[[Fig. 2]]